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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISCRIMINATING SPEECH
FROM VOICE-BAND DATA IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK
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**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice of Allowance dated October 7, 2008, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers several reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claimed limitations mentioned in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants wish to emphasize that each claim should be limited solely by the limitations set forth therein and should not be limited, in any way, by Examiner's Statements regarding limitations not set forth therein, for example, the Examiner's Statements reference limitations of Claim 1, and not those of Claim 11. Thus, Claim 11 should not be limited by these statements in any way. Finally, Applicants note that it is each

claim, taken as a whole, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements, which is allowable over the prior art of record.

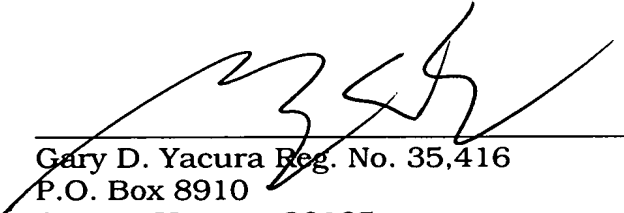
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura Reg. No. 35,416 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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